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News worth sharing.

Man charged in boy's slashing

Police negotiated with man for eight hours before 3-year-old was slashed Boy returned home yesterday morning after receiving facial stitches for 5-inch gash

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Vancouver police have formally laid charges in response to a frantic episode Tuesday night that saw a toddler seized and held at knifepoint at an East Side community centre for nearly eight hours.

Kyle Hepworth Jackson, 24, will face four counts ranging from hostage-taking to possession of a dangerous weapon in relation to his alleged role in the kidnapping and eventual slashing of a three-year-old Vancouver boy.

At approximately 6 p.m. Tuesday, a man entered the Ray-Cam Co-operative Centre screaming and brandishing a large knife, before grabbing the toddler and locking himself in a basement bathroom.

After a lengthy standoff, police eventually stormed the room to rescue the boy, but only after he incurred a five-inch laceration on his cheek.

REACTION, PAGE 3.

Fire. Terrible timing

▶ Firefighters outside a German Christmas Market on Georgia Street yesterday.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Explosion spoils market's opening

An explosion and fire rocked Vancouver's inaugural Christmas Market on Georgia Street yesterday morning. The blast, caused after a contractor unknowingly drilled into a propane tank, occurred only minutes before the market was scheduled to open. One woman was injured. The market is projected to open next week. Story, page 4.

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New Zealand mourns 29

As rescue crews prepared to begin search, second blast dashed hopes of miners' survival PM declares disaster a national tragedy {page 7}

A scarf for every style situation

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XM, Sirius join forces, eye larger audience

Satellite-radio companies announce long-suspected merger {page 11}

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▶ A heavily armed member of the Vancouver police emergency response team stands inside the Ray-Cam Co-operative Centre yesterday morning during a hostage standoff.

Motive unclear in hostage taking

- Man was screaming and brandishing knife as he seized three-year-old
- Step-parent assisted police in attempting to negotiate boy's release

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More details emerged yesterday regarding a tense hostage-taking incident that rattled a Downtown East Side community centre late Tuesday night.

Assault charges have now been laid against 24-year-old Kyle Hepworth Jackson, although there appears to be a lack of any clear motivation for the alleged attack that has been portrayed as both random and premeditated.

Speaking to reporters, Ray-Cam Co-operative Centre spokesman Steve Bouchard said the attacker was "not known to the child, family, or staff" who frequent the East Hastings complex and had seemingly visited the centre for the sole purpose of instigating a hostage-taking.

Though VPD admit the man was "known to police" for a history of violent offences, there has been some confusion regarding his mental state, with Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson declaring him to have suffered from a "history of mental health issues"— an accusation the VPD were unwilling to confirm.

Ray-Cam officials, for their part, have been eager to downplay the episode as an "isolated incident" that does not necessitate a need for either increased security at the centre, or fear in the larger neighbourhood.

Not all members of the community are convinced, however.

"No matter how many times they say it's safe, it's still not safe," said Roja Seddia, a local mother who has both worked at and attended the centre in the past.

"I'd definitely wait a while before taking my child back in there."

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B.C.'s kids poorest in country: Study

One-third of B.C.'s poorest children have at least one parent working full time ▶ Poverty rates based on parents' income, family size, community

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Nearly 20 per cent of British Columbia children under the age of six live in poverty, according to an annual report released yesterday by First Call B.C.

Adrienne Montani, spokesperson for the B.C. Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, said B.C. has had the worst child poverty rate in the country for seven years in a row, when looking at parents' after-tax income.

"We have an ongoing child-poverty problem in B.C. that's probably going to go up because we're using 2008 data (taken before the recession)," Montani said.

"There are solutions," she said, adding the government needs to raise minimum wage, increase welfare rates and create affordable childcare.

Montani said children living in poverty — even those with loving, involved parents — often fall behind in school, grow up without proper nutrition and develop self-esteem issues.

"We're saying, in effect, some people (don't matter) and we're entrenching inequality, and that's not the kind of society we want," Montani said.

Carole James, leader of the B.C. NDP, called the report "shameful," given the wealth of the province.

"It's only through addressing the root causes of poverty that we'll be able to meaningfully address this record," she said.

Children's Minister Mary Polak said that the province needs to "exercise some caution" in raising wages as a means of addressing the issue.

"There are other things to consider, and we want to be careful that we help those very people that we intend to," she said.

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▶ Firefighters at the German Christmas Market on Georgia Street yesterday.

Blast deemed an accident

Vancouver's inaugural German-style Christmas market was rocked by an explosion and flames only minutes before its scheduled opening yesterday.

"The fire was caused by a contractor who was drilling a hole though the wall of a hut," said Capt. Gabe Roder of the Vancouver Fire Department. "The man unknowingly drilled right into a 100-pound propane tank."

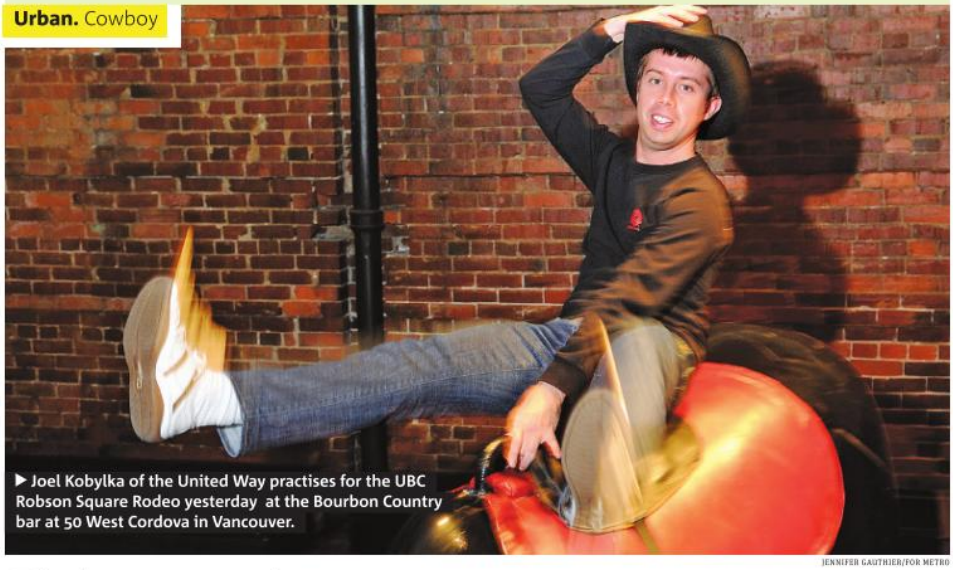
One woman sustained injuries while fleeing the site and was treated in at St. Paul's Hospital.

Laura Ballance, spokeswoman for the market, which is located at the plaza outside the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, said it hopes to reopen early next week, even as early as this weekend if the necessary electrical parts arrive in time. JENNIFER GAUTHIER

Damage report

▶ Four temporary huts were damaged, two of them extensively.

Urban. Cowboy



▶ Joel Kobylka of the United Way practises for the UBC Robson Square Rodeo yesterday at the Bourbon Country bar at 50 West Cordova in Vancouver.

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Eight seconds to make a difference

The Robson Square Rodeo, which takes place tonight from 5 to 7 p.m., is raising money for the United Way. Tickets are $15 and include a buffet dinner, drink, raffle ticket, and a chance to ride the mechanical bull.

Seymour opens for skiers today

Mount Seymour is set to open for the ski season today. More than 80 centimetres of snow has fallen on the hill in the past week thanks to an early cold snap.

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Abbott to throw hat in ring

George Abbott, the province's education minister, is expected to announce he's running for Liberal leadership today. Premier Gordon Campbell announced two weeks ago that he would be resigning in February.

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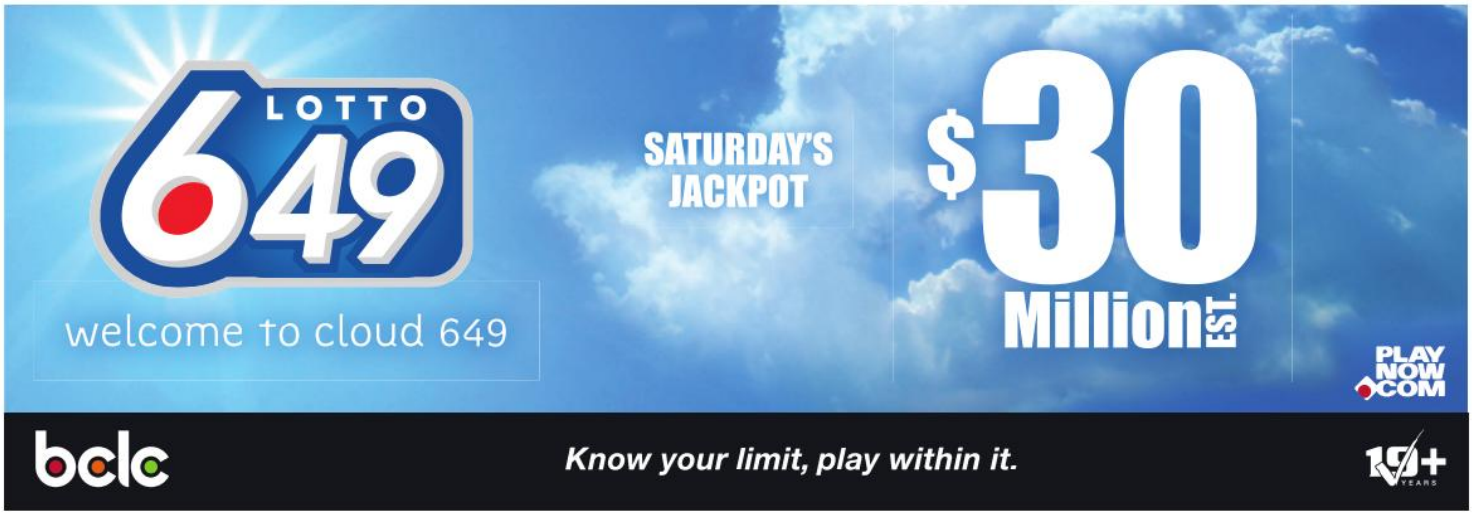

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Burned remains identified as mother of four

Tara Westgarde was known to police Her badly burned body was found dumped in a ravine

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Police have identified the charred remains of a body found in a Surrey ravine as a 34-year-old mother of four.

Tara Lynn Westgarde was last seen by a family member on the morning of Nov. 11, two days before her badly burned body was found by passersby near 138 Street and 93 Avenue.

"Police have learned some information about the victim, however (we) require assistance from the community to narrow down the time she was last seen alive," said RCMP Cpl. Dale Carr.

RCMP HANDOUT

▶ Tara Westgarde

"We are releasing a photo of the victim ... in hopes that someone will be able to provide us information."

Carr said Westgarde was known to several British Columbia police forces for her alleged involvement in fraud, property crime and the drug trade.

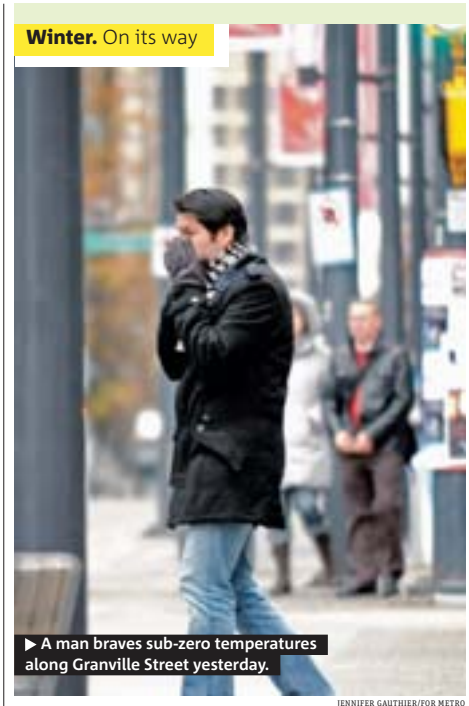
"Investigators are of the belief that this incident was not a random act," he said.

Carr said Westgarde sometimes used the surname Fedorick and went by the first name Tiara.

Her cause of death has not been released.

Anyone with information is asked to call police or, to remain anonymous, Crimestoppers.

Winter. On its way



▶ A man braves sub-zero temperatures along Granville Street yesterday.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Hope you've got boots

Environment Canada has issued a weather warning for the Lower Mainland and South Coast, calling for snowfalls of five to 15 centimetres through this afternoon.

ManCount reveals startling HIV rate

Approximately 18 per cent of sexually active gay men in Vancouver are HIV-positive, a new survey claims.

Organized by several prominent provincial health organizations, the study, known as ManCount, similarly revealed that only 2.5 per cent of homosexual men currently infected were unaware that they were carrying the disease.

More than 3,000 interviews and 100 blood samples were gathered for the survey, which ran from August 2008 to February 2009.

ManCount's full report will be released at the sixth annual B.C. Gay Men's Health Summit, held today and tomorrow at SFU's Harbour Centre campus.

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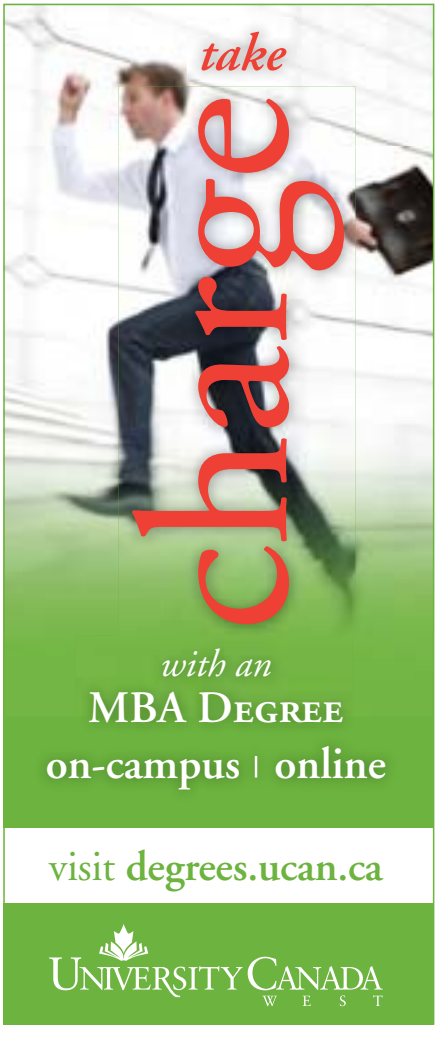

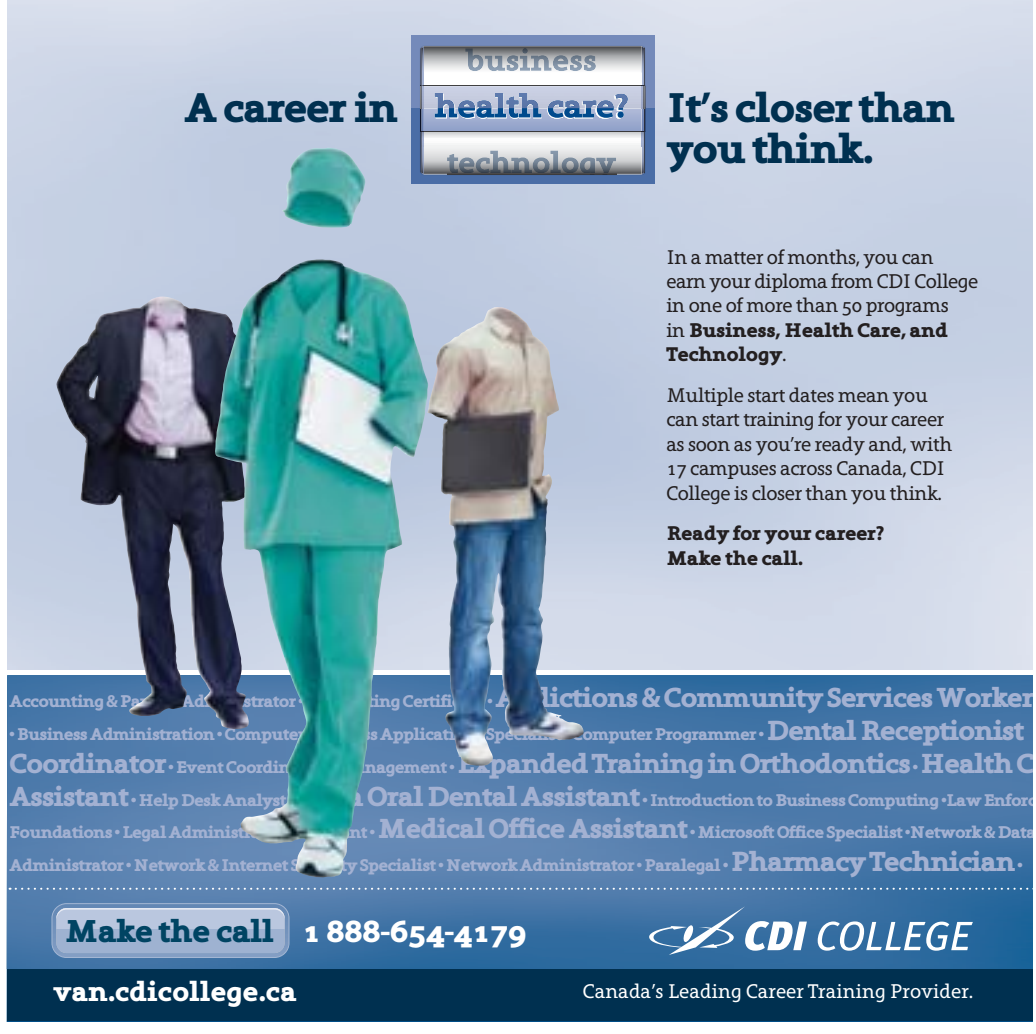

New blast ends last hopes for trapped miners

Police say none could have lived **Officials say it could be weeks or months before bodies are recovered**

Flags of mourning are flying New Zealand today.

A second powerful blast has ended all hope for the families of 29 New Zealand miners missing underground since last week.

Yesterday's massive explosion deep inside the South Island mine came five days after the men were caught underground by a similar blast.

Even in the unlikely event any survived the first one, police said none could have lived through the second.

"The blast was prolific," said police Supt. Gary Knowles, "just as severe as the first."

Prime Minister John Key declared the disaster a national tragedy, and across New Zealand today flags are flying at half staff and many churches have held services for people wanting to show respect.

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New Zealand's John Key

The second blast happened as rescue teams were in full gear and ready to begin searching.

As families gathered for a daily briefing on the rescue operation, they hoped for the best.

But before Pike River Coal chief Peter Whittall could tell them about the latest blast, some broke into applause when he said a team had been getting ready to go underground — thinking a rescue was about to start.

"I had to wait till they stopped clapping to tell them ... the second explosion occurred."

Some relatives collapsed. Others shouted at the police in anger.

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London. Masked anger

A protester gestures on a stranded police van in Whitehall, London, yesterday.

MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Forget studies, it's protest time

Students threw their books aside in Britain yesterday and took to the streets to protest tuition fees. Police said 17 people were injured, including two officers, in a demo in London's Whitehall. Besides protests across the country, there have been occupations in at least 12 universities, including Oxford.

22 The 22-year-old man faces several charges including possession of cocaine and marijuana and impaired driving.

Double-double shock

A man was in custody after a late-night coffee run in Paris, Ont. He turned up at a coffee shop drive-thru wearing no clothes.

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Dublin. Age of austerity

A protester sends a message to people entering an auction of the Bank of Ireland's paintings and sculptures in Dublin yesterday.

PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ireland's budget blues

Ireland yesterday unveiled the harshest budget measures in its history, a four-year plan to claw back $20 billion US using spending cuts and extra taxes. Some 24,000 state employees could lose their jobs. The economy is so bad that the squeezed Bank of Ireland is even selling off more than 150 of its prized paintings and sculptures.

A young voter's 'X' is X-rated

A video designed to encourage young people to vote has been denounced as "filth" in Spain.

Called Voting Is A Pleasure, the video — with nearly half a million views on YouTube — shows a young woman aroused to the point of orgasm by casting her ballot.

The video was produced in advance of regional Catalonia elections Sunday.

But the outrage just masks naked political fear, said the leader of the Young Socialists Party.

"They are not bothered by the content of (the) video, but rather its message," Javier Lopez said yesterday. "High participation worries them."

A high turnout would favour the Socialists over the conservative-liberal coalition CiU party, he said.

Alicia Sanchez-Camacho, leader of the conservative Popular Party, denounced it as an "attack on the dignity of women."

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Social media gives kissing the kissoff

Poll show Canadians reach for their devices first

Should you kiss your partner goodnight or check your Facebook page one last time? Apparently, Facebook wins.

An Angus Reid survey done for Bacardi found 75 per cent of Canadians who use social media admit the last thing they do at night, and the first thing they do in the morning, is reach for an electronic device and check their emails.

But Canadians admit that all the texting, tweeting, updating and emailing still doesn't take the place of face-to-face contact.

Ellen Karp, a social anthropologist and author, is quoted in the Bacardi release as saying, "While social media is quick and efficient, there is no replacement for one-on-one time with close friends and family."

Forty per cent of social media junkies in Vancouver say they can't imagine their life without it.

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Brazil. Violence

▶ Police officers ride on a vehicle after a police operation at the Vila Cruzeiro slum.

SILVIA IZQUIERDO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police seek armed robbers

Heavily armed men halted buses and cars, robbed their passengers and set the vehicles ablaze yesterday in Rio de Janeiro, continuing a wave of violence that has rattled rich and poor alike in a city Brazil hopes to make a showplace for the 2016 Olympics.

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IN THIS CORNER, FIGHTING FOR THE LEFT ...

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

Have you ever had a moment of realization so striking it was like you were punched in the face? I had one of those moments recently, when I was punched in the face.

I realized the next day, as I nursed a fat lip, that I am definitely a liberal. (The fact that getting sucker-punched at a bar led me to thoughts on personal politics also proves that I'm a dork, but that's a different column.)

But let's discuss the incident, my first opportunity ever to tell a story that begins, "So, a guy walks into a bar ..."

That guy was me. I went into one of those bars that calls itself Irish because it sells cans of Guinness, and an attractive woman asked me to buy her a drink, even giving me some coins to help. I trust you can see where this is going.

There have been times in my love life that I have deserved not just a punch, but to be grabbed by the big toe and slammed into the ground repeatedly, like Bamm-Bamm Rubble used to do. This was not one of those times.

"There have been times in my love life that I have deserved not just a punch, but to be grabbed by the big toe and slammed into the ground repeatedly, like Bamm-Bamm Rubble used to do. This was not one of those times."

Yet, when the boyfriend showed up, he: 1. sucker-punched me; 2. after I had shaken his hand; and 3. took another swing at me while I was down before; 4. leaving the bar, giving him a coveted Grand Slam in the World Series of Douche-baggery. Kudos to him.

Then I screamed that I have a blood disorder and could die from a blow to the head.

You know how in the movies if a person sees a missile coming toward them they steel themselves and face their mortality with silent determination? If it was me, it would sound like this: "OH MY GOD THIS IS IT I NEVER ATE THAT PIE IN THE FRIDGE OOH NICE CRAFTSMANSHIP ON THE WARHEAD AAH LAST WORD!!!"

And here's where I earn my liberal credentials: I've heard it said that a liberal is a conservative who hasn't been mugged yet. Well, this was essentially a mugging, he made me wonder if I might die, and I'm still not angry at the guy. Instead, I'm hopeful that he was in a bad place and regrets what he did.

Unfortunately for him I'm also liberal in relying on the government, so I'll see him in court. Just call it my wicked left.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Bad sex is rewarded

Worth mentioning

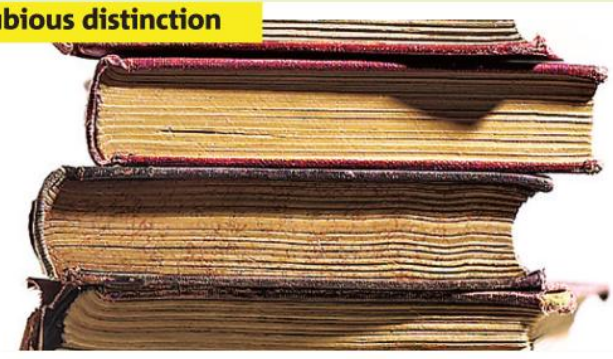
Canadian author Annabel Lyon's lauded novel The Golden Mean has earned a spot on Britain's Bad Sex In Fiction Award short list.

London's Literary Review nominated the book and seven others for the 18th annual award.

Lyon, who lives in New Westminster, B.C., won last year's Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize for The Golden Mean, which follows Greek philosopher Aristotle as he tutors a young Alexander the Great.

The novel was also shortlisted for last year's Scotiabank Giller Prize and the Governor General's Literary Award.

Dubious distinction



Other books on this year's Bad Sex short list include Freedom by Jonathan Franzen, The Slap by Christos Tsiolkas, and Maya by Alastair Campbell.

The list is rounded out by A Life Apart by Neel Mukherjee, Heartbreak by Craig Raine, The Shape Of Her by Rowan Somerville, and Mr. Peanut by Adam Ross.

The award will be presented Monday in St. James's Square in Westminster.

Last year's winner was Jonathan Littell's The Kindly Ones for a passage that compares a sexual encounter to a battle with a one-eyed mythological monster.

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Metro Minute at Stanley Park play

Hiro Kanagawa's The Patron Saint Of Stanley Park opens tonight at the Arts Club Theatre Company's Revue Stage (1601 Johnston St.) on Granville Island. The play tells the story of a pair of children who are rescued on a stormy Vancouver Christmas Eve by a mysterious vagabond. They experience visions and are shown a fantastical world beneath Prospect Point. Kanagawa, who has worked on a number of local TV series, says the play is a modern variation of the tale of Saint Nicholas of Myra, a.k.a. Santa Claus. The play runs until Dec. 26. Tickets are $25 and $35 and are available through the Arts Club Box Office, 604-687-1644 or artsclub.com. METRO

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▶ Brian Linds in The Patron Saint Of Stanley Park.

XM and Sirius to join forces in powerful duet

Combined satellite radio company will have a total subscriber base of more than 1.7 million

Satellite radio companies XM Canada and Sirius Canada Inc. plan to merge in an effort to strengthen their competitive stance amid an industry crowded with audio entertainment options ranging from iPods to over-the-air radio stations.

The all-stock deal announced yesterday is valued at about $520 million and includes $130 million in long-term debt.

The move comes after longtime speculation that the two companies, which charge subscription fees for their services, would eventually combine their operations to save costs and put more satellite radio listeners under the same umbrella.

Their American counterparts, XM Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio, merged more than two years ago but the Canadian companies had been coy about whether they would follow suit.

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John Bitove

Sirius Canada, a private company that is 40 per cent owned by CBC Radio, 40 per cent by Slaight Communications and 20 per cent by Sirius XM in the United States, will end up with 58 per cent ownership of Canadian Satellite Radio Holdings Inc., the parent company of XM Canada.

"This all stock merger of equals now creates a leading Canadian media company," said CSR chairman John Bitove, who will serve as the company's chairman

"Standing together, Sirius Canada and XM Canada will become a stronger competitor in digital music and entertainment," he told a conference call.

Satellite radio has been struggling to find a larger audience in Canada over the past few years, after enduring several setbacks.

More Canadians have turned to portable music devices like Apple's iPod which can house a large collection of song and podcasts.

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U.S. Black Friday

Shoppers walk with bags from JC Penney and Victoria's Secret in New York.

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Calm before the storm

As retailers prepare for the crowds of Black Friday shoppers with sharply reduced prices on everything from TVs to toys, they're also hoping for something else they couldn't count on last year: consumers springing for that deluxe high-end flat-panel TV or that big playset.

Maple Leaf shares plunge

Shares of Maple Leaf Foods tumbled 10 per cent yesterday in the wake of the Ontario Teachers Pension Plan Board's decision to sell its entire 25 per cent stake in the Canadian food processor and bakery at a discount.

The company's stock closed down $1.28 at $11.41 at the Toronto Stock Exchange, off a sharper decline of as much as $1.55 earlier in the session.

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Deck the halls with sounds of Christmas

Holiday tunes from Mariah Carey, Susan Boyle, Annie Lennox, Indigo Girls, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and Shelby Lynne

Mariah Carey insists that Christmas is her favourite time of year, and it shows on Merry Christmas II You, Carey's second holiday album.

The record is a mix of classics such as O Little Town of Bethlehem and O Holy Night.

It also includes new recordings, including the first single, Oh Santa!

Here are some other Christmas albums to warm you up this season.

Annie Lennox, A Christmas Cornucopia (Decca)
Annie Lennox proves herself a pro at mixing old- and new-world sounds on her first holiday album, A Christmas Cornucopia, which features a combination of English and French classics, along with one original of her own.

The album opens with Angles From the Realms of Glory, to which Lennox adds a Middle Eastern sound, and Lullay Lullay (Coventry Carol), features some great new vocal twists to make it a dark, emotional whirlwind.

Various artists, World Christmas Party (Putumayo)
The best thing about this holiday CD — apart from the opening reggae track that wishes listeners an irie Christmas — is that it breathes new life into classic Christmas songs.

Poncho Sanchez gives a groovy, Latin twist to Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.

Now That's What I Call Christmas 4 (EMI)
You get what one would expect on the fourth installment of a Now That's What I Call Music holiday recording: A pop-centric variety of Christmas music performed by today's hottest acts.

This version comes with two discs. The first set is iTunes-friendly with artists like Lady Gaga singing Christmas Tree to Rihanna's rendition of A Child Is Born.

Indigo Girls, Holly Happy Days (Vanguard Records)
This album has in abundance what made Amy Ray and Emily Saliers who they are: beautiful harmonizing and incredible instrumentation.

Holly Days is chock-full of fiddles, mandolins, banjos and, of course, acoustic guitar.

Shelby Lynne, Merry Christmas (Everso Records)
No matter if you've been in the business for several decades or are still staking out ground, an album full of holiday songs — originals and, of course, covers — is one sure way to eke out more sales and get some coveted air time amid the commercials and jingles. Shelby Lynne is a late-comer to the holiday party, but the 11-song platter was worth the wait.

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▶Mariah Carey and Snoopy celebrate the recording of Charlie Brown Christmas featuring Peanuts music, on Carey's new album, Merry Christmas II You, in New York.

Also released

Other Christmas albums to choose from.

▶ **Susan Boyle, The Gift (Columbia)**
On the second album from the Britain's Got Talent sensation, Susan Boyle offers up a selection of holiday classics, plus a few others, including Leonard Cohen's now-ubiquitous Hallelujah.

▶ **Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., Christmas With The Rat Pack (Capitol/EMI)**
Why settle for an X-mas album from a modern-day retro crooner when you can spend a cool Yule with the Rat Pack in their prime on this collection chosen from '50s and '60s holiday recordings.

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Buffy's back

Vampires, beware: Buffy is coming back. A remake of the horror comedy Buffy the Vampire Slayer is in the works at Warner Bros., the studio said Tuesday. A studio spokeswoman says the project is in the earliest stages of development. It hasn't even been green-lit yet, and there's no director or star attached. One thing we do know: Joss Whedon, who wrote the first Buffy script and created the TV series starring Sarah Michelle Gellar that became a pop-culture phenomenon, is not involved.

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Kanye's brilliance

Kanye West
Album: My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy
Label: Def Jam

Just a year ago, Kanye West was perceived by many as a douche bag, a scumbag and a jerk-off. Now after the dust has settled from bum-rushing Taylor Swift at the MTV VMAs, Kanye emerges nearly unscathed with a profuse Twitter account and enough music to give away one song every Friday.

My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy is as much a lyrical showcase for his mounting ego as it is schooling in the most intricate production in hip-hop. Yeezy doesn't exactly come correct, but why should he at this point? He absolutely kills it on virtually every level.

The searing King Crimson riffs on Power only fortify his braggadocio, the poignant piano loops on Runaway paint him as a huggable d-bag and only on the massive all-star posse cut Monster does he ever give up the spotlight to an epic verse by Nicki Minaj.

Whether he's playing his inner child, a gifted narcissist or a flawed, self-aware man, Kanye has poured every ounce of his ambition into this record, coming out on top with a work of brilliance and letting us know it: "At the end of the day I'm killin' this s**t, I know damn well y'all feelin' this s**t."

Outstanding track: Monster

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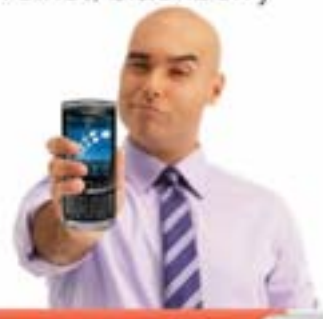

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It's a baby boy!

John Travolta and Kelly Preston welcomed their new son this week, according to E! News.

Baby Benjamin was born late Tuesday night at a Florida hospital, weighing eight pounds and three ounces.

"John, Kelly and their daughter, Ella Bleu, are very happy about the newest member of the family," the actor's rep said.

"Both mother and baby are healthy and doing beautifully."

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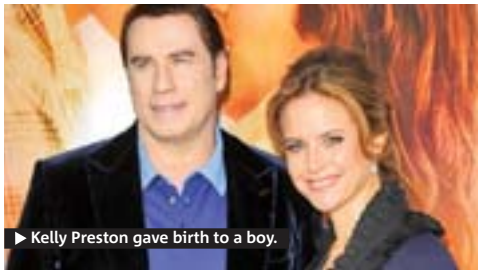

▶ Kelly Preston gave birth to a boy.

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▶ Although she's been linked to rapper 50 Cent, Chelsea Handler says they are just friends.

50 Cent's out & Bieber is in?

Despite persistent rumours that Chelsea Handler is dating rapper 50 Cent, the late-night talk show host insists the pair are just friends.

She also reveals she has a cute nickname for the burly recording artist.

"I call him 'girl,'" says the comical Chelsea Lately host. "I go, 'Hey, what's up, girl?' He likes it. He thinks I'm crazy. We have a cute relationship."

Gossip blogs have been buzzing lately after Handler and 50 Cent were spotted hanging out together a few times.

But Handler insists it was for a video with YouTube sensation Keenan Cahill, in which 50 Cent walks into the teen's room and raps with him.

"We're friends," said Handler of 50 Cent. "There's nothing else going on there."

It's a different story, however, for Handler and Canadian pop sensation Justin Bieber, whom she met when she hosted the MTV Video Music Awards in August.

"I love Bieber and he loves me," she said. "He's got a big, mad crush on me."

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Celebrity tweets

Ashton Kutcher [@aplusk] Could it be that it's not about having the answers but rather asking the right questions?

Kirstie Alley [@kirstiealley] I'm sitting here waiting for Fran Dreschers guest on her new talk show....they are 40 minutes late...I am going to the mall. Goodbye Fran

Conan O'Brien [@ConanOBrien] I'm telling ya, the clock is ticking on this Harry Potter fad

Act your age!

Miley Cyrus was spotted after a night out looking worse for wear and "chain-smoking up a storm," a source tells E! News. "She had messy hair and make-up and didn't look that great.

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Don't get all knotted up about your scarf

Easy knots that still kick up your outfit ▶ A scarf can be runway, a head-to-toe basic, whatever you want ▶ But don't get it twisted, this isn't serious business — have fun with it

A scarf can be a wardrobe's workhorse. It adds colour, style and, especially as the weather turns wintry, warmth. Now, if you only knew how to tie the thing.

Don't go for a complicated knot, says Talbots' fashion director Tammy Vipperman. Flair largely comes from confidence, so any hesitation about tying the scarf will show, she adds. "If you can fold laundry and tie a basic knot, you can wear a scarf," she says. Her tips:

SILK SQUARE
Lay the scarf flat on a table, taking two opposite-end corners and folding them into the centre, giving you two straight edges. Keep folding those outer straight edges into the centre until you have, essentially, a scarf sash. Wrap it around your neck, setting up the knot slightly toward one side. Pull the two ends into an X to tie. The key to the flattest, most flattering knot will be to cross the ends so the outside piece is on the bottom, closest to the body, and then pulling that over the top and then down through the knot so it will stay in place and not flap around, Vipperman says.

"Most people think this is the most intimidating scarf," she says. "But you can wear it with a cardigan, denim, a little heel — with a necklace."

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▶ A scarf adds colour, it adds style, and, especially as the weather turns increasingly wintery, it gives warmth.

THE NOODLE
You get an Elizabethan-collar effect if you keep looping it around to the bustline level, tying it loosely at the back of the neck. Go a little tighter and you have a turtleneck.

THE WRAP
This is the scarf you want with you all the time. She doesn't like it to be worn perfectly, though. That gives it "flourish," she explains.

CASHMERE
The classic winter scarf with fringe at the edges is nice because it's practically flat when worn under a coat, Vipperman says. She prefers the "gentleman's fold," which really isn't a fold: The scarf goes around the neck and the sides are flat against the body and positioned like lapels of a jacket.

THE BOHO
This scarf is longer, thinner and usually with fringe on the end. Because of its length, it's really the only shape you can successfully toss oh-so-casually over the shoulders.

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Cue the curls

THE KIT

Just in time for party season, perfectly tousled, curly hairstyles are about to turn heads in a big way.

"Most women have some natural curl to their hair," says Chantel Simmons, Hair Kit Editor for THE KIT magazine.

"And since it's all about imperfect waves, you don't have to worry about fighting frizz!"

Whether your locks are wound tight or poker-straight, you can easily make this trend work for you.

SLEEP ON IT
"If you have naturally wavy hair, simply wash your hair before bed, then apply a styling product and let it dry overnight," says Simmons, who suggests wavy gals try Moroccanoil's Original Oil Treatment ($41, moroccanoil.com).

"You'll wake up with perfectly imperfect waves."

CURL IT UP—OR DOWN
"If you have straight hair, try using both large- and skinny-barreled curling irons to get a mix of curl sizes," says Simmons.

"If your hair is super curly, press a flat iron over some of the coils to straighten them out a bit," she says.

The perfect tool? The Rowenta Straight & Curl 2-in-1 ($180, rowentabeauty.ca), a curling iron and hair straightener in one.

GET A PERM
It's an urban hair myth that perms are passé: "We get a lot of client requests for perms," says Eric Del Monaco of Del Monaco Hair Studio in Toronto.

"They're a great way to get gorgeous curl that lasts."

BREAK OUT THE SPRAY
"I've rediscovered hairspray this season," says Simmons, who swears by L'Oréal Elnett Satin Extra Strong Hold hairspray ($15, loreal.ca).

"It holds styles without leaving them feeling crunchy, and brushes out with no residue."

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Holiday gifts

Looking for that perfect holiday gift? 2 for Couples has released the 101 Amazing Gifts iPad app on the App Store. The must-have gift guide is a one-stop shop for everyone on your list, and showcases everything from style and home to gadgets and kid stuff. It's updated regularly to ensure fresh gift ideas are always at your fingertips.

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Balenciaga exhibit, spearheaded by de la Renta, gives glimpse of fashion royalty

Sparkle your tree

- For the trend follower: Purple, blue and teal are great options for lights
- For ornaments, mercury glass and mixed-and-matched gold and silver

DECOR MOMENT

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Want to have a designer-looking holiday tree that is guaranteed to impress this year? Short of stealing one of the spectacular trees from The Bay's windows, here's a few designer tricks to get a lush, full and glamourous tree to show off.

Filler up:
Whether faux or real, the tree needs to look full. Fill in empty holes and spaces between branches with multi green tones of voile, wired ribbon bows or large plastic outdoor balls. Last year's faux garlands will work magic between the branches near the bottoms to create a lush look. Remember to put the fillers deep enough into the tree so they are unseen and there will be plenty of space for the ornaments up front.

Light and bright:
Trees should have 100 lights per each foot of height. I like to add 20 to 50 per cent more for a full and glamorous look.

Perhaps the additional lights could be a trend colour. Purple, blue or teal are all great options this year.

Consider uplighting your tree with a canned light that sits on the floor. A soft golden bulb will add a fantasy glow to the tree and create beautiful shadows from the branches.

Supermodel heights:
The tree's top should be within 12 inches of the ceiling; a tree any shorter will look stunted.

If you have high ceilings, the tree should reach two-thirds the height of the room. If you have a tree that is not tall enough, stand it on a sturdy box or table; skirt the table with a faux-fur throw or brightly coloured piece of silk.

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▶ Mixed-and-matched silver and gold are in.

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▶ The science of ornaments: 50 per foot and large ones

Ornamental heaven:
A designer tree should follow good rules of design, with smaller ornaments on top and larger ones on the bottom.

Just how many ornaments are needed? Consider 50 per foot (thats going all around the tree).

Popular looks for ornaments this year are glitter, mercury glass, and lots of gold and silver. Mixed-and-matched gold and silver will shine as one of the biggest tree trends this year.

Trims:
If it'll kill a cat it is not good for the tree, so keep the tinsel strands off.

Garland is great; consider displaying it vertically (rather than winding it around the tree) for a modern look.

Strings of popcorn with a light spray of silver or gold paint is an easy, fun and crafty way to add sheen to the tree. Another great look is to hang the strings of popcorn off the bottom branches to form a garland fringe around the base of the tree, like a flapper dress.

Mix and match

- Container gardening doesn't mean one boring plant in each pot

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▶ Combination planting is practical and attractive.

Container gardening is coming in from the cold, replacing the one-plant-to-a-pot displays that have been indoor decorating staples since the Victorian era.

Combination planting — blending different plants in the same containers — is as practical as it is attractive. Arrangements can be created that will thrive through the winter in sunny interiors as much as they would outside in summer on patios or balconies.

"Grouping plants together has several advantages, including the ability to create more impact and to water less often," said Kathy LaLiberte, director of gardening at Gardener's Supply Co. in Burlington, Vt. Those are the same reasons people groups plants in containers outdoors, she said.

Choose your container combinations carefully, however. It wouldn't do to mix plants having different light, temperature and water requirements, such as African violets paired with leaf lettuce, or succulents growing alongside berries.

"Think as much about the horticultural side of the container garden as you would about its looks," said LaLiberte, who recommends a "thrillers, fillers and spillers" style: "Create a cool pot with one showcase plant, another that tucks under or fills in, and something else that's trailing," she said.

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His franchise records include most post-season victories with 34, and it's roughly this many centimetres that his deli's puck-shaped sandwiches span.

Located at the rear of his Gastown eatery (aptly named McLean's), Kirk's sandwich-making team assembles captain-sized creations filled with smoked Italian cold cuts from La Grotta Del Formaggio on freshly baked bread by La Boulangerie.

In bona fide deli fashion, I chose my meat: turkey and Genoa salami. The thinly sliced salty shavings were piled on whole wheat focaccia, lathered in McLean's own creamy, herb-filled garlic aioli (do not go easy on this). Served on the side were perfectly salted house-made chips.

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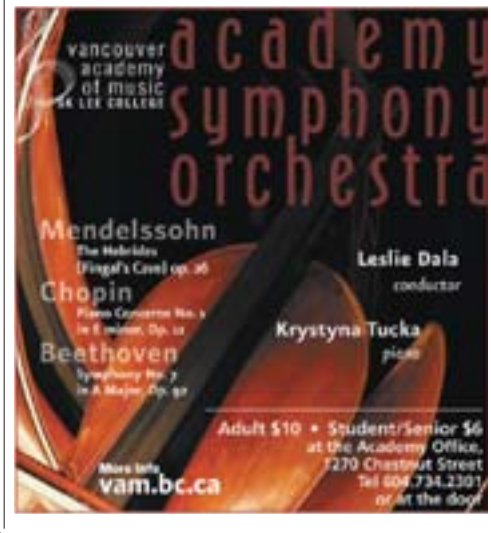

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Holiday decorating hits and misses

A list of Do's and Don'ts for trimming your tree to following trends

It's easy to go overboard when decorating for the holidays, but with a few Do's and Don'ts your holiday décor can be the hit of the season. So before you unpack the ornaments, string the lights and trim the tree, take note of these holiday decorating tips courtesy of HGTV's 30 Holiday Decorating Hits and Misses.

Do

Spend money on what people will see (a wreath for the door), not on something that will get lost in a sea of ornaments or in a large display.

Don't

Over decorate the tree. You want to ensure that the branches are visible and the shape of the tree is evident. The best way to avoid overcrowding the tree is to put on three to four ornaments and take a step back.

Do

Set the mood with candles. They soften the most modern and contemporary spaces and set a great atmosphere.

Don't

Leave decor dead spots. Don't just decorate the room the tree is in. Consider incorporating holiday décor throughout the house.

Do

Go bold with colours. Don't be afraid to use colours other than red and green. If neutral tones are more your taste, have a white Christmas and use all white and silver to decorate.

Don't

Leave the dining table naked. You don't want to neglect the place that everyone sits around. A festive dining table sets a great tone for a holiday dinner.

Do

Repurpose existing décor. Look at what you have and re-invent it. Use this as an opportunity to be creative.

Don't

Be too trendy. You want to make sure that your decorations are an investment and not something you dispose of at the end of the holiday season.

Do

Get tied up in ribbon. The great thing about ribbon is that it's inexpensive and delivers a big impact.

Don't

Make your home look like a museum. Perfection can make your home unwelcoming and the holidays are a time to feel cosy and warm.

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Get your game on

A brief look at the onslaught of holiday video games

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Flashing lights, opened boxes, dazzled young eyes bouncing with excitement, flailing hands and cherubic glee. All of these are signs of one annual event that establishes our financial/familial obligations, time-wasting duties and indoor activities: Video game season, a time known to the collective masses beyond post-secondary school as Christmas.

While such a tongue-in-cheek jab at the commercial aspects of a major holiday seem cheap, consider that as every gaming creator, retailer and advertiser gears up for what is their busiest season, there's nothing inexpensive about Yuletide.

Nor is there much lacking as upcoming holiday game releases spanning everything from sports, fantasy and first-person action to mind puzzles for every kid from two to 92 asserts. At that, here are a few potential options to flesh-out a stocking, update a collection or offset a new console such as Sony's PlayStation 3 (PS3), Microsoft's Xbox 360 or Nintendo's Wii.

With a heavy push on 3D gaming this year, many companies are lauding their latest dimension-warping offerings such as sports hero **Shaun White's Skateboarding** (Ubisoft, all platforms) which allows gamers the opportunity to incite creativity amongst avatars, thus saving the world from a Big Brother-inspired corporation bent on eliminating individualism.

Those looking to keep their finger-tapping honed might opt to request EA Games' latest instalment of the **NHL** series. Hitting number 11, the franchise (PS3/Xbox 360) is still hot, not unlike Sony's own **Gran Turismo 5** (PS3) which offers a parade of cars waiting to be put through the ringer by armchair race enthusiasts. On the more gruesome end of the spectrum, first-person shooting game **Time Crisis: Razing Storm** is one game to feature PlayStation's new Move, a motion-sensing game controller similar to Wii's module.

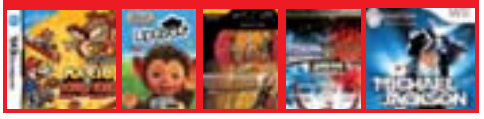
If something a touch less aggressive is imperative, **Disney's Guilty Party** (Wii) is an endlessly engaging single/multi-player investigative crime solver, film tie-in **Tron: Evolution** (Disney, all platforms) drops just in time for the movie's theatrical release and in keeping with their own stellar legacies, the onslaught of musician wannabe games offer new batches of interactive fun via **DJ Hero 2, Guitar Hero: Warriors Of Rock** (Activision, all platforms) and its rival **Rock Band 3** (Harmonix).

Keeping it personal

Not all systems are monolithic slabs taking up space in the entertainment unit. Represented just as readily this holiday season, handheld systems have some new treats for the solitary gamer.

Nintendo DS: This year's craze? Nostalgia. Both Intellivision and Atari license their greatest hits on one cartridge each, Mario vs. Donkey Kong Mini-Land Mayhem features our favourite gorilla-jumping plumber and Michael Jackson: The Experience has you-know-who teaching dance moves.

PlayStation Personal (PSP): EyePet lets us raise a digital monkey in photos of our real world, confront deities as warrior Kratos in God Of War and grapple without skinned knees on WWE SmackDown vs. Raw 2011.



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Ryan Kesler scored his 100th NHL goal yesterday as the Vancouver Canucks ended a four-game losing streak with a 4-2 win over the Colorado Avalanche.

Kesler's milestone goal, which gave Vancouver a 3-1 lead required a video review.

Kesler shot a puck that rebounded high over the head of Avalanche netminder Peter Budaj and appeared to go in off the goalie's back as Canuck Jeff Tambellini swooped past the crease.

The video review confirmed Tambellini did not touch the puck with a high stick, although he took a swipe at it.

Defenceman Kevin Bieksa, with his first goal of the season, Daniel Sedin, with his club-leading 13th, and Alex Burrows also scored for Vancouver.

The Avalanche also got offence from the blue-line as John-Michael Liles gave Colorado a 1-1 tie. Matt Duchene, who led all rookies in scoring last season, jammed another puck past Vancouver netminder Roberto Luongo as the Avalanche closed to within a goal in the third period.

The win moved Vancouver into a tie atop the Northwest Division with Colorado as the Canucks improved to 11-7-3 with their first home victory in three games.

The Avalanche failed to extend their win streak to a fifth game and dropped to 12-8-1.

Bieksa scored against Craig Anderson, who was replaced at the start of the second period by Budaj.

Anderson, who returned from a knee injury Friday in a 5-1 win over the New York Rangers, left with an injury to his groin.

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▶ Andrew Alberts of the Canucks checks Avalanche defenceman John-Michael Liles last night.

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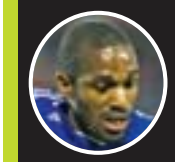

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d-Washington	23	15	6	1	1	77	66	32	10-1-0-1	5-5-1-0	6-2-1-1	W1
d-Montreal	22	14	7	1	0	57	43	29	8-4-1-0	6-3-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
Tampa Bay	22	13	7	2	0	70	68	28	6-2-1-0	7-5-1-0	6-4-0-0	W5
Pittsburgh	23	13	8	2	0	70	59	28	5-5-1-0	8-3-1-0	7-2-1-0	W4
Boston	20	12	6	0	2	58	39	26	4-4-0-2	8-2-0-0	5-3-0-2	W1
NY Rangers	23	12	10	1	0	68	65	25	5-6-1-0	7-4-0-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Atlanta	22	10	9	1	2	73	74	23	6-5-0-1	4-4-1-1	4-5-0-1	W3
Ottawa	22	10	11	1	0	53	69	21	6-5-0-0	4-6-1-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Carolina	21	9	10	0	2	65	71	20	5-4-0-1	4-6-0-1	4-4-0-2	L3
Toronto	20	8	9	1	2	47	55	19	6-4-1-1	2-5-0-1	3-5-0-2	W1
Buffalo	23	8	12	3	0	58	69	19	3-8-1-0	5-4-1-0	5-4-1-0	L2
Florida	20	9	11	0	0	53	51	18	5-4-0-0	4-7-0-0	5-5-0-0	L2
New Jersey	22	7	13	1	1	43	66	16	3-5-1-1	4-8-0-0	4-5-0-1	W2
NY Islanders	21	4	12	3	2	47	75	13	2-4-1-1	2-8-2-1	0-8-1-1	L14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	19	13	4	1	1	67	53	28	9-1-1-1	4-3-0-0	7-2-1-0	L1
d-Phoenix	21	11	5	4	1	62	59	27	5-2-2-1	6-3-2-0	7-1-1-1	W7
d-Colorado	21	12	8	1	0	74	64	25	6-4-0-0	5-5-1-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Columbus	20	14	6	0	0	59	47	28	6-5-0-0	8-1-0-0	8-2-0-0	W5
St. Louis	20	12	5	1	2	54	52	27	8-0-0-1	4-5-1-1	6-3-0-1	W3
Los Angeles	21	13	8	0	0	62	53	26	8-1-0-0	5-7-0-0	5-5-0-0	L2
Vancouver	21	11	7	1	2	62	58	25	7-2-0-1	4-5-1-1	5-4-1-0	W1
San Jose	20	10	6	4	0	60	54	24	7-3-2-0	3-3-2-0	5-2-3-0	W1
Chicago	24	11	11	1	1	73	72	24	5-7-0-0	6-4-1-1	4-5-0-1	L1
Dallas	20	11	8	0	1	59	58	23	7-3-0-1	4-5-0-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Anaheim	23	10	10	2	1	57	69	23	7-3-0-1	3-7-2-0	5-3-2-0	L5
Minnesota	20	10	8	0	2	47	53	22	6-5-0-1	4-3-0-1	5-5-0-0	L2
Nashville	20	9	7	3	1	48	53	22	3-1-3-1	6-6-0-0	4-5-0-1	L2
Calgary	21	8	11	1	1	60	63	18	5-5-0-0	3-6-1-1	2-6-1-1	L3
Edmonton	20	5	11	1	3	49	82	14	2-5-0-1	3-6-1-2	2-6-1-1	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Pittsburgh 1 Buffalo 0
Washington 3 Carolina 2
Columbus 4 N.Y. Islanders 2 (OT)
Atlanta 5 Detroit 1
Montreal 4 Los Angeles 1
New Jersey 2 Calgary 1 (SO)
Boston 3 Florida 1
Dallas 2 Ottawa 1
Tampa Bay 5 N.Y. Rangers 3
Philadelphia 6 Minnesota 1
St. Louis 2 Nashville 1 (SO)
Vancouver 4 Colorado 2
Chicago at San Jose
Tuesday's result
Phoenix 5 Edmonton 0
Tonight's game
(All times Eastern)
Colorado at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

CANUCKS 4, AVALANCHE 2

First Period
1. Vancouver, Bieksa 3 (Samuelsson, Malhotra) 10:32
Penalties — McLeod Col (boarding) 4:13, Alberts Vcr (interference) 11:55, Ballard Vcr (slashing) 14:56.
Second Period
2. Colorado, Liles 4 (Shattenkirk, Hejduk) 5:05 (pp)
3. Vancouver, D.Sedin 13 (H.Sedin, Burrows) 10:00
Penalties — McLeod Col (holding) 2:12, Hamhuis Vcr (tripping) 3:20, Dupuis Col (high-sticking) 11:27, Hamhuis Vcr (hooking) 14:58, McLeod Col (elbowing) 17:25.
Third Period
4. Vancouver, Kesler 10 (Raymond, Tambellini) 3:52
5. Colorado, Duchene 4 (Liles, Yip) 6:46
6. Vancouver, Burrows 2 (D. Sedin, H. Sedin) 13:07
Penalty — Ehrhoff Vcr (holding) 16:47.
Shots

Colorado	7	10	6	23
Vancouver	7	7	6	20

Goal — Colorado: Anderson (7-6), Budaj (L,8-4-1) (start second, 13-10); Vancouver: Luongo (W,8-7-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Colorado: 0-5; Vancouver: 1-4.
Att. — 18,860 at Vancouver.

DEVILS 2, FLAMES 1 (SO)

First Period
1. New Jersey, Clarkson 4 (Tedenby, Corrente) 13:06
Penalty — Morrison Cal (tripping) 10:49.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Rolston NJ (slashing) 4:50, Bourque Cal (holding) 16:01, Zubrus NJ (tripping) 18:58.
Third Period
2. Calgary, Bourque 10 (Giordano, Glencross) 1:18
Penalty — New Jersey bench (too many men; served by Kovalchuk) 12:38.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalty — Giordano Cal (interference) 0:44.
Shootout
New Jersey wins 1-0
Calgary (0) — Hagman, miss; Tanguay, miss; Morrison, miss.
New Jersey (1) — Kovalchuk, goal; Tedenby, miss.
Shots

Calgary	7	11	5	3—26
New Jersey	6	6	3	6—21

Goal — Calgary: Karlsson (L,1-1-1); New Jersey: Hedberg (W,3-2-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 0-3; New Jersey: 0-3.
Att. — 13,202 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	20	15	35
Crosby, Pgh	15	20	35
St. Louis, TB	8	19	27
Semin, Wash	14	12	26
Ovechkin, Wash	10	16	26
B.Richards, Dal	10	15	25
D.Sedin, Vcr	12	12	24
C.Stewart, Col	11	13	24
M.Richards, Pha	9	15	24
H.Sedin, Vcr	2	22	24
Giroux, Pha	12	11	23
Perry, Ana	10	13	23
Roy, Buf	9	14	23

Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BOSTON RED SOX — Claimed OF Jordan Parraz off waivers from Kansas City.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Requested unconditional release waivers on RHP Bryan Bullington for the purpose of allowing him to sign with Hiroshima (Japanese Central League). Assigned RHP Gaby Hernandez and RHP Victor Marte outright to Omaha (PCL).
NATIONAL LEAGUE
HOUSTON ASTROS — Assigned LHP Tim Byrdak, LHP Gustavo Chacin and RHP Matt Nevarez outright to Oklahoma City (PCL). Agreed to terms with C Carlos Corporan on a minor league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Named Nick Leyva third-base coach, Gregg Ritchie hitting coach, Euclides Rojas bullpen coach, Luis Silverio first-base coach and outfield and baserunning coach and Mark Strittmatter pitcher's hitting coach and catchers and hitting program assistant.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Assigned RHP Ryan Mattheus outright to Syracuse (IL).

BASKETBALL

NBA

LEAGUE OFFICE — Suspended Philadelphia F Elton Brand one game for a flagrant foul against Washington F-C JaVale McGee during Tuesday's game.
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Assigned C Cole Aldrich to Tulsa (NBADL).
SAN ANTONIO SPURS — Signed G-F Ime Udoka.

FOOTBALL

NFL

LEAGUE OFFICE — Fined Buffalo WR Stevie Johnson $5,000 for a touchdown celebration during Sunday's game against Cincinnati and Philadelphia CB Asante Samuel $40,000 for a helmet-to-helmet hit on N.Y. Giants WR Derek Hagan during Sunday's game.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed S Jeromy Miles from the practice squad. Waived DE Victor Adeyanju.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed S Andrew Sendejo to the practice squad. Released FB Alex Daniels from the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed G Anthony Herrera on injured reserve. Signed T Patrick Brown from the practice squad. Signed CB Cary Harris to the practice squad.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Claimed WR Devin Thomas off waivers from Carolina. Placed FB Madison Hedgecock on injured reserve.
PHIILADELPHIA EAGLES — Placed CB Ellis Hobbs on injured reserve. Signed CB Brandon Hughes from the N.Y. Giants practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Placed RB Clinton Portis on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

NHL

MINNESOTA WILD — Recalled D Justin Falk and F Matt Kassian from Houston (AHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Assigned F Josh Bailey on loan to Bridgeport (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES — Assigned D Oliver Ekman-Larsson to San Antonio (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Activated D Barret Jackman from injured reserve.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Recalled LW Jeff Tambelllini from Manitoba (AHL). Assigned F Peter Schaefer to Manitoba.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled D Brian Fahey from Hershey (AHL).

SOCCER

MLS

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS — Traded F O'Brian White to Seattle for allocation money.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	11	4	.733	—
New York	8	8	.500	3½
Toronto	6	9	.400	5
New Jersey	5	10	.333	6
Philadelphia	3	12	.200	8
SOUTHEAST DIVISION				
Orlando	10	4	.714	—
Atlanta	8	7	.533	2½
Miami	8	7	.533	2½
Washington	5	8	.385	4½
Charlotte	5	10	.333	5½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
Chicago	8	5	.615	—
Indiana	7	6	.538	1
Cleveland	6	8	.429	2½
Milwaukee	5	9	.357	3½
Detroit	5	10	.333	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	13	1	.929	—
New Orleans	11	3	.786	2
Dallas	10	4	.714	3
Memphis	6	9	.400	7½
Houston	4	10	.286	9
NORTHWEST DIVISION				
Utah	11	5	.688	—
Oklahoma City	10	5	.667	½
Denver	8	6	.571	2
Portland	8	6	.571	2
Minnesota	4	12	.250	7
PACIFIC DIVISION				
L.A. Lakers	13	2	.867	—
Golden State	7	8	.467	6
Phoenix	7	8	.467	6
Sacramento	4	9	.308	8
L.A. Clippers	2	13	.133	11

Last night's results
New York 99 Charlotte 95
Cleveland 83 Milwaukee 81
Toronto 106 Philadelphia 90
Boston 89 New Jersey 83
Orlando 104 Miami 95
Memphis 105 Detroit 84
San Antonio 113 Minnesota 109 (OT)
Dallas 111 Oklahoma City 103
Houston 111 Golden State 101
Chicago 123 Phoenix 115 (2OT)
Utah 105 New Orleans 87
Tuesday's results
Indiana 100 Cleveland 89
New Jersey 107 Atlanta 101 (OT)
Washington 116 Philadelphia 114 (OT)
New York 110 Charlotte 107
Dallas 88 Detroit 84
L.A. Lakers 98 Chicago 91
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Washington at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

RAPTORS 106, 76ERS 90

PHILADELPHIA (90)
Iguodala 6-13 4-5 17, Young 7-12 0-0 14, Hawes 3-8 0-0 6, Holiday 6-12 3-3 16, Turner 0-0 2-2 2, Meeks 2-4 1-1 6, Nocioni 2-4 0-0 4, Speights 4-8 1-2 9, Williams 1-11 5-6 8, Brackins 3-7 0-0 6, Battie 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 35-81 16-19 90.
TORONTO (106)
Weems 3-8 2-2 8, Evans 4-6 4-7 12, Bargnani 8-16 6-8 24, Calderon 7-10 0-0 16, DeRozan 1-5 3-4 5, Barbosa 5-14 0-0 11, Johnson 2-5 2-2 6, Bayless 4-7 2-2 13, Kleiza 2-5 0-0 4, Stojakovic 2-3 2-2 7. Totals 38-79 21-27 106.

Philadelphia	18	25	28	19	90
Toronto	33	29	25	19	106

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 4-12 (Iguodala 1-1, Holiday 1-2, Meeks 1-2, Williams 1-4, Young 0-1, Brackins 0-2), Toronto 9-21 (Bayless 3-3, Calderon 2-3, Bargnani 2-4, Stojakovic 1-2, Barbosa 1-6, Kleiza 0-1, Weems 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 45 (Iguodala 8), Toronto 51 (Evans 22). Assists—Philadelphia 17 (Holiday, Iguodala 6), Toronto 24 (Calderon 9). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 20, Toronto 16. Technicals—Toronto defensive three second. A—15,012 (19,800).

CFL

98TH GREY CUP

WEEK 22

Sunday's game
(All times Eastern)
At Edmonton
Montreal vs. Saskatchewan, 6:30 p.m

SOCCER

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

FIRST ROUND
Top two teams in each group advance
(All times Eastern)
THIRD-PLACE TEAMS ADVANCE TO EUROPA LEAGUE
(Home teams listed first)

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Tottenham	5	3	1	1	15	8	10
x-Inter Milan	5	3	1	1	12	8	10
Twente	5	1	2	2	6	8	5
Werder Bremen	5	0	2	3	3	12	2

Yesterday's results
Inter Milan 1 Twente 0
Tottenham 3 Werder Bremen 0

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Schalke	5	3	1	1	8	2	10
x-Lyon	5	3	0	2	9	8	9
Benfica	5	2	0	3	6	10	6
Hapoel Tel Aviv	5	1	1	3	5	8	4

Yesterday's results
Schalke 3 Lyon 0
Hapoel Tel-Aviv 3 Benfica 0

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Manchester Utd	5	4	1	0	6	0	13
x-Valencia	5	3	1	1	14	3	10
Glasgow Rangers	5	1	2	2	2	5	5
Burasper	5	0	0	5	1	15	0

Yesterday's results
Glasgow Rangers 0 Manchester United 1
Valencia 6 Bursaspor 1

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Barcelona	5	3	2	0	12	3	11
Copenhagen	5	2	1	2	4	4	7
Rubin Kazan	5	1	3	1	2	2	6
Panathinaikos	5	0	2	3	1	10	2

Yesterday's results
Rubin Kazan 1 Copenhagen 0
Panathinaikos 0 Barcelona 3

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Bayern Munich	5	4	0	1	13	6	12
AS Roma	5	3	0	2	9	8	9
Basel	5	2	0	3	8	8	6
Cluj	5	1	0	4	5	11	3

x-advanced to second round
Tuesday's results
Basel 1 Cluj 0
AS Roma 3 Bayern Munich 2

GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Chelsea	5	5	0	0	14	3	15
x-Marseille	5	3	0	2	11	3	9
Spartak Moscow	5	2	0	3	5	9	6
Zilina	5	0	0	5	2	17	0

x-advanced to second round
Tuesday's results
Spartak Moscow 0, Marseille 3
Chelsea 2, Zilina 1

GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Real Madrid	5	4	1	0	11	2	13
x-AC Milan	5	2	2	1	7	5	8
Ajax	5	1	1	3	4	10	4
Auxerre	5	1	0	4	3	8	3

x-advanced to second round

GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Shakhtar Donetsk	5	4	0	1	10	6	12
Arsenal	5	3	0	2	15	6	9
Braga	5	3	0	2	5	9	9
Partizan Belgrade	5	0	0	5	1	10	0

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	8	2	0	.800	238	177
New England	8	2	0	.800	289	242
Miami	5	5	0	.500	172	208
Buffalo	2	8	0	.200	213	276
SOUTH						
Jacksonville	6	4	0	.600	220	270
Indianapolis	6	4	0	.600	268	216
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	257	198
Houston	4	6	0	.400	244	287
NORTH						
Baltimore	7	3	0	.700	233	178
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	235	165
Cleveland	3	7	0	.300	192	206
Cincinnati	2	8	0	.200	215	262
WEST						
Kansas City	6	4	0	.600	243	207
Oakland	5	5	0	.500	238	223
San Diego	5	5	0	.500	274	211
Denver	3	7	0	.300	217	287

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	3	0	.700	284	226
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	253	220
Washington	5	5	0	.500	202	245
Dallas	3	7	0	.300	229	271
SOUTH						
Atlanta	8	2	0	.800	256	192
New Orleans	7	3	0	.700	235	170
Tampa Bay	7	3	0	.700	209	206
Carolina	1	9	0	.100	117	252
NORTH						
Chicago	7	3	0	.700	191	146
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	252	146
Minnesota	3	7	0	.300	172	226
Detroit	2	8	0	.200	234	237
WEST						
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	185	233
St. Louis	4	6	0	.400	177	198
San Francisco	3	7	0	.300	160	219
Arizona	3	7	0	.300	188	292

WEEK 12

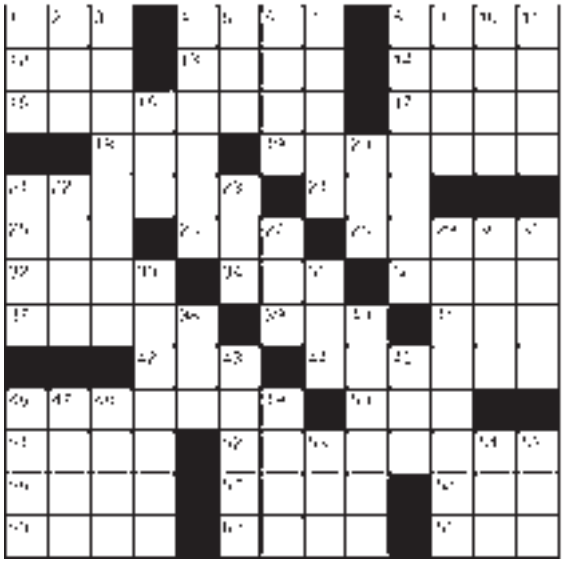
Today's games
(All times Eastern)
New England at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
Green Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Miami at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 4:15 p.m.
San Diego at Indianapolis, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
San Francisco at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR FINALS

At London
Round Robin
Singles
Group A
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia, 7-5, 6-2.
Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, def. Andy Roddick (8), U.S., 7-5, 6-3.
Standings: Nadal 2-0 (sets 4-1), Berdych 1-1 (2-2), Djokovic 1-1 (2-2), Roddick 0-2 (1-4).
Group B
Standings: Roger Federer 2-0 (4-0), Andy Murray 1-1 (2-2), Robin Soderling 1-1 (2-2), David Ferrer 0-2 (0-4).
Doubles
Group B
Daniel Nestor, Toronto, and Nenad Zimonjic (2), Serbia, def. Mahesh Bhupathi, India, and Max Mirnyi (4), Belarus, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (1).

Crossword



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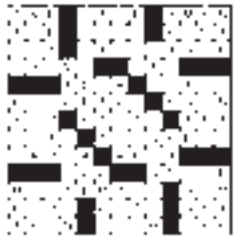
1 Back talk
4 Young bovine
8 Suspend
12 Commotion
13 Stench
14 Hydrox competitor
15 Haughty strutter
17 Split
18 Tar Heels' sch.
19 Move aimlessly
21 Sans elevator
24 Catcher's place?
25 Actress Gardner
26 Filch
28 Lucy's partner in mischief
32 Virtue's opposite
34 One of the Dwarfs
36 A handful
37 Plant swelling
39 — Mahal
41 Glutton
42 Shade provider
44 Mists
46 Bright at night
50 Charged bit
51 "— Lang Syne"
52 Sucker
56 Gilligan's home
57 Screenwriter James
58 Yoko of music
59 Out of power
60 Bleak, as a movie
61 Church seat

Down
1 Track circuit
2 Altar affirmative
3 Masses
4 Agree
5 N. modifier
6 Rich soil
7 Poultry purchase
8 Nasty nesters
9 Saharan
10 Actress Campbell
11 No stay-at-home
16 Squid squirt
20 Nay canceler
21 Greet silently
22 Eager
23 Spacecraft compartment
27 Automaton, for short
29 Dr. Seuss book
30 Persian Gulf noble
31 Stamina
33 Changed the text
35 Cleveland hoopster, for short
38 The whole enchilada
40 Cell overseer
43 Italian metropolis
45 Luau bowlful
46 Hotel employee
47 English river
48 Earthenware pot
49 Takeout request
53 Floral necklace
54 Individual
55 "Wham!"

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

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			2		9			
	5	9	6		8	7	1	
	3			5			4	
2								5
	6			1			9	
	4	8	7		5	1	2	
			8		4			
7								6

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

Send a KISS

Show some love! Send a note to somebody special at kiss@metronews.ca

Maria, three years and counting baby. I love you more with each passing day. You will always be my undercover lover **XOX ROB**

To Jason B, You are amazing in every possible way. Your so sweet, and I want you to be mine. I loved you every since the first day I saw you. Forever & Always **XXXOOO PURPLELOVER =)**

Tiger, I love you so much I can't sleep without you next to me. We've been through a lot but we came out on top!! I love you baby, for all that you are, and all that you will ever be!! **LOVE, YOUR KITTY KAT**

Dear Brian, Please get better. I still think you look so sexy with the bike wounds. I love you so much. You're the best thing that's ever happened to me and I promise to you that I will never treat you less than amazing. **LOVE, DEBRA**

Today 4°/2° Rain and snow 80%
Friday 6°/2° Rain 60%
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TWN incorporates MSC data

Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to play@metronews.ca

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 The planet Jupiter is giving you some big ideas but how will those ideas translate into practice? That is the question you must answer today. When you have answered it, act on it.

♉ Taurus April 21-May Focus only on positive things, because if you allow negative thoughts to get a hold in your head you will find it very hard to shake them off.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You may encounter some hostility today, especially if you are the kind of Gemini to whom everything seems to come so easily. Not everyone has been blessed with your looks, intelligence and wit, so make allowances.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may not agree with people's opinions today but you must respect them. If you feel the need to criticize, you must do so in a civilized fashion. The idea is to win them over, not turn them totally against you.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 No matter how honest you think someone is, you must not allow them to make your financial decisions. Once you give away that power, you may have a hard time getting it back.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22You may find it hard to stay calm today, especially if people drag their feet. Maybe you should scream and shout a bit. If nothing else, it will make you feel better.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 A friend or colleague will take liberties today and, to put it mildly, you won't be too happy about it. They may think you're a bit of a killjoy but let them know you're not amused.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If you get excited about something that is not important today, you run the risk of missing out on something that is. There's interesting distractions but there is only one thing that matters: making money.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may be full of yourself at the moment, but not everyone is as chirpy and chatty as you. That's okay though. Everyone you meet will end up smiling.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Letting people know what you are thinking may not be such a good idea today. It may be common sense to you but it's really not that common.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 There's a lot of pressure on you at the moment but you are not the sort to crack easily. Whatever stressful situation you may find yourself in you know you've been there before. And you've handled it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may have to be cruel to be kind today, especially if a friend or family member is too caught up to see the bigger picture. There are higher issues at stake, so grab their attention. SALLY BROMPTON

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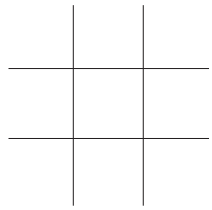

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- ☐ **Reader 4.** Give to a person wearing a hat.

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